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COLLEGE OF NURSING

May 7, 2015
Class of 2015

PRESIDING ................................ Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean

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GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN ...... Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN

WELCOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY .......... Eric A. Gislason, PhD
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Illinois at Chicago

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ................. Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Bonnie and Mark Barnes, FAANS
Founders of the DAISY Foundation

PRESENTATION OF THE DAISY AWARD ........ Bonnie and Mark Barnes, FAANS
Rachel Gottfredsen
Graduate, Chicago Campus
Amy Skowronski
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus

PRESENTATION OF THE DISTINGUISHED NURSING ALUMNUS AWARD .......... Sabina Dambrauskas, MSN, CNM
President, College of Nursing Alumni Association
Ruth M. Kleinpell, PhD, RN-CS, FCCM, FAAN
Director of the Center for Clinical Research and Scholarship, Rush University Medical Center
Professor, Rush University College of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN’S AWARD ........ Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Susan Walsh
DNP Graduate Student

RECOGNITION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (see list on page 40)
Eric A. Gislason, PhD ............. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost
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Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN ...... Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Julie Zerwic, PhD, RN, FAAN ......... Executive Associate Dean

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SCIENCE
MASTER’S RECOGNITION AWARDS
Biobehavioral Health Science ...... Mariann Piano, PhD, RN, FAAN
Department Head
Katherine A. Durham
Chicago Campus

Health Systems Science ...... Lorna Finnegan, PhD, RN
Department Head
John H. Kim
Urbana Campus
Veronica Gabriela Kuritzky
Chicago Campus
Rachel Marie Yantzi
Chicago Campus

Women, Children, and Family Health Science ...... Barbara McFarlin, PhD, CNM, RDMS, FACNM
Department Head
Aisha Kenyatta Kendrick
Chicago Campus

Cardew-Mullane Award in Clinical Excellence and Leadership ...... Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Julio Arturo Rojas
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING SCIENCE (see list on page 41)
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Joan Ruppman, MS, RN ........... Director, Peoria Regional Campus
Susan Corbridge, PhD, APN, ACNP .... Director of Graduate Clinical Studies
Kelly D. Rosenberger, DNP, APN, WHNP-BC, CNM .......... Director, Rockford Regional Campus
Kathleen Sparbel, PhD, APN,
CNP, FNP-BC .......... Assistant Professor
Karen Dunn Lopez, PhD, MPH .......... Clinical Assistant Professor
Marlene Selton, PhD, RN, APN .......... Clinical Assistant Professor
Carrie Klima, PhD, CNM .......... Clinical Associate Professor
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS

Recognition of Honors
College Students ................. Bette Bottoms, PhD
Dean of the Honors College

Recognition of Members of
Alpha Lambda Chapter, Sigma
Theta Tau International, and
Presentation of Awards to
Graduates ....................... Barbara Simmons, PhD, RN
Alpha Lambda Chapter, Sigma Theta
Tau International
Marta Bednarz
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Anne Marie Forzley
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus
Guillaume Ngonmeudje
Graduate, Chicago Campus
Sarah Elizabeth Poel
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus

Recognition of High
Academic Standing .......... Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Raymar L. Capalac 4.0
Mazouzah Omar 4.0
Hannah Jo Webber 4.0
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Lindsey E. Landgraf 3.97
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus
Joni R. Ault 3.85
Jeanine N. Sims 3.85
Donata Svedaite 3.85
Undergraduate, UIC Online

PRESENTATION OF THE
SILVER CIRCLE AWARD .... Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Maripat King, MSN, RN, ACNP
Teaching Associate,
Chicago Campus

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
NURSING (see list on page 41)
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and Provost
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Bette Bottoms, PhD .............. Dean of the Honors College
Sabina Dambrauskas, MSN, CNM .... President, College of Nursing Alumni
Association
Barbara E. Berger, PhD, RN ....... Director of Undergraduate Clinical
Studies
Geraldine Gorman, PhD, RN ....... Clinical Associate Professor, Chicago
Campus
Catherine Tredway, MBA, MSN,
BA, RN .......................... Clinical Instructor, Online Campus
Andrea Gold, MS, RN, CS ......... Clinical Instructor
Linnea Mead, MSN, APN, CPNP .... Clinical Instructor

SENIOR CLASS PLEDGE ........ Alison M. Dreifuss
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus
Colleen Marie McKenna
Undergraduate, UIC Online
Jennifer H. Park
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus

STUDENT RESPONSES .......... Mazouzah Omar
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus

CLOSING REMARKS ............ Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN

RECESSIONAL .................. Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic
recession is completed.

BANNER CARRIERS .......... Joan Marie Cobb
Graduate, Rockford Campus
Patricia Rice
Graduate, Peoria Campus

AWARD RECIPIENTS
Graduate Award for Faculty
and Staff Excellence .......... Faculty Award
Barbara Simmons
Staff Award
Phil Zack

Undergraduate Award for
Faculty and Staff Excellence .... Faculty Award
Catherine Leipold, MS, RN
Urbana Campus
Theresa Williams
UIC Online
Staff Award
Jessica Fogarty
UIC Online
Allison Holden
Urbana Campus
Envision Yourself Doing Something Incredible
Class of 2015
THE UIC COLLEGE OF NURSING PIN
The College of Nursing pin is an adaptation of the Maltese Cross. The white gold signifies excellence in nursing. The blue represents loyalty, commitment, and fidelity. The pin was redesigned by the 2006–2007 graduating class of the college. It is a proud and distinct symbol of our graduates’ educational achievement.

SENIOR CLASS PLEDGE, 2015
Adapted from the Florence Nightingale Pledge and the American Nurses Association Code for Nurses.

I solemnly pledge myself, before my peers and in the presence of this assembly, to practice my achieved profession to the best of my abilities.
I promise to provide services with respect for human dignity and individuality of all those whom I serve.
I will safeguard my client’s rights to privacy, safety, and healthcare.
I promise to participate in nursing activities that will contribute to the ongoing process of professional knowledge.
I will endeavor to aid all of the other members of the healthcare team to promote holistic care to all of the clients I serve.

DESCRIPTIONS OF AWARDS

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER, SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society of nursing. To be eligible for the UIC Alpha Lambda chapter, candidates shall have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, evidence of professional leadership potential, and/or marked achievement in the field of nursing. Student merit awards are presented to chapter students who are honored for their achievements.

AWARD FOR FACULTY AND STAFF EXCELLENCE
Each year, the undergraduate and graduate graduating classes recognize outstanding faculty and staff members. Faculty members are chosen who demonstrate excellence in teaching and provide support and direction to students that is influential to their success. Staff members are chosen who have worked behind the scenes in assisting students to accomplish their academic endeavors.

CARDEW-MULLANE AWARD IN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP
This award was established by Mary Kelly Mullane, former dean of the College of Nursing, in recognition of outstanding clinical skill and leadership. The award also serves as a memorial to Emily Cardew, the first dean of the College of Nursing.

COLLEGE OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD
This award is presented to graduating nursing students who have demonstrated academic excellence and initiative in actively supporting the College of Nursing.

COLLEGE HONORS
The top 15 percent of undergraduate students in each program are awarded honors for academic distinction, based on their nursing grade point average. Students receive an apricot honor cord.

DEAN’S AWARD
This award is based on recommendations to the dean by the faculty and reviewed by the Faculty Executive Committee. Selection is based on evidence of superior performance, research and grant activity, fellowships, and scholarly publications and presentations. It is awarded each year to graduating doctoral students.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SCIENCE

MASTER’S RECOGNITION AWARDS
Master’s students are selected from each of the three departments of Biobehavioral Health Science; Health Systems Science; and Women, Children, and Family Health Science to be recognized for superior academic performance and achievement. The funding for these awards was made possible through the generosity of donors to the College of Nursing Annual Fund.

DISTINGUISHED NURSING ALUMNA AWARD
Presented to nursing alumni who have brought honor to the University of Illinois at Chicago and the College of Nursing through outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing.

HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College offers an enhanced academic experience to well-prepared undergraduates through a wide range of honors programs and activities. Student members of the Honors College are selected from all UIC colleges and departments on the basis of their academic achievement.

SILVER CIRCLE AWARD
The award is presented annually as a UIC campuswide recognition of teaching excellence.

STUDENT NURSES’ ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONALISM AWARD
This award is presented by the Student Nurses’ Association chapters in Chicago and Urbana. It is presented to a UIC graduating senior displaying professionalism in both academics and extracurricular activities while a member of the Student Nurses’ Association at the College of Nursing.

STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award is presented by the Student Council Chapter in the Urbana. It is presented to a University of Illinois at Chicago member who is a graduating senior that has displayed clinical leadership, assertiveness, and ability to take initiative.

THANK YOU
We would like to give a special thanks to all who contributed to the planning and preparation of today’s event. The College of Nursing Alumni Association provided the diploma covers.
DEAN—TERRI E. WEAVER, PHD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Terri Weaver began her deanship at the UIC College of Nursing in August 2010, after 25 years on faculty and having served as department chair at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Dean Weaver is an expert in sleep research and focuses on the effect of daytime sleepiness on daily behaviors and on the evaluation of treatment outcomes. She received the Ada Sue Hinshaw Award in recognition of her research that highlights the significance of nursing research and improves health care from the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Dean Weaver is a member of the board of directors of the American Academy of Nursing and the Sleep Research Society and former chair of the national board of directors of the American Lung Association.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS—BONNIE AND MARK BARNES, FAANs

Bonnie and Mark Barnes, FAANs, created the DAISY Foundation (an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system) and the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The Barnes’s son Patrick developed the immune disease idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura (ITP) and died from the disease in 1999. The foundation was created to express their gratitude to the nurses who cared for Patrick during this time and to nurses everywhere for their clinical skill and especially compassionate care.

The DAISY Award has received over 45,000 nominations since its creation and has honored nurses in over 1,800 facilities and in countries around the world. The foundation also supports practice improvements through grants that focus on autoimmune diseases and cancer treatment. The Barnes’s work has been recognized by many professional nursing organizations, most notably they were inducted as honorary fellows of the American Academy of Nursing in 2012, and they will be inducted as honorary members of Sigma Theta Tau International, the nursing honor society, later this year.

DISTINGUISHED NURSE ALUMNA—RUTH M. KLEINPELL PHD RN-CS FCCM FAAN

Dr. Kleinpell is an experienced researcher, clinician, and educator in the areas of acute and subacute care and advanced practice nursing roles. Dr. Kleinpell publishes extensively in several areas of focus, including roles of acute care nurse practitioners, outcomes of advanced practice nurses, quality of life of critically ill elders, and use of telehealth to promote postoperative recovery.

She is currently the director of the Center for Clinical Research and Scholarship at Rush University Medical Center and a professor at Rush University College of Nursing and is serving as president of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses.
## GRADUATE STUDENT NURSING ORGANIZATION

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